Dear Committee Members for SB 442,

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Forced vaccination takes direct issue with the right to Liberty, and sometimes even Life as many parents and families will testify. It is an assault on Liberty to require medical procedures without consent. Freedom of choice is a foundation of Liberty; it cannot exist without it.

Vaccines have not been proven to be either safe or effective. Whilst many believe that vaccines caused the cessation of their respective diseases, many, if not all, of those diseases' mortality rates were already on the decline and nearly absent at the introduction of the vaccine. Many incidences of disease have actually been attributed to the vaccinated person shedding the virus and infecting the unvaccinated and vaccinated alike since vaccination doesn't offer guaranteed or lifetime immunity like the naturally occurring disease itself does. Many of these vaccines are for benign childhood diseases that statistically cause relatively little harm while protecting them as adults. Is it not wrong to disallow this natural, multi-level immunity to develop? In addition to questionable effectiveness, there have been no long term studies proving the safety of vaccination. The list of common ingredients alone is enough to question the sense of injecting them into anyone, let alone infants and young children. These include Thimerosal (mercury-no safe level), formaldehyde, aluminum hydroxide, polysorbate 80, antibody boosters, stabilizers, and more (just things any sensible person would choose to inject into their body for good health!). Not mentioned are the foreign materials (proteins and viruses) from the animal cell cultures they are grown on or the not-so-foreign aborted fetal cells used for this purpose as well (which some would have objections to if they knew). This alone precludes a reasonable religious/philosophical objection exemption. There would be no need for warnings on the package inserts, or complete immunity from liability for the vaccine manufacturers if there are no risks involved in vaccination. Since the state cannot guarantee the safety of any vaccine, then if said vaccine is mandatory, it becomes the responsibility of the state to care for any casualties of the vaccine. Is the state willing to take responsibility for those cases of forced vaccine injury? It should not fall on parents who are against the illegal, mandatory, invasive, toxic medical procedure. It is for the common good of all Oregonians to retain the freedom of choice in the matter.

Modern Science is in many ways its own belief system and many studies have innate bias. Conclusions are proven and disproven over time. DDT was safe. Margarine was safe. Tobacco was safe. Saturated fats are bad. Coconut oil is good. Cholesterol in eggs is bad. Eggs are good. Vaccines prevent disease. Vaccines cause other diseases like autism, allergies, eczema, autoimmune diseases, cancer, etc. GMO's will cure world hunger. GMO's cause disease. And the list goes on. Science-so-called is not set in stone these days as results of studies are adjusted to reach desired conclusions which may be contradicted years later. Sometimes whistleblowers wait years to bring forth the truth, if they even do. Sometimes CDC employees and vaccine manufactures have a conflict of interest. For the love of money is the root of all evil.

All I am asking is that you not force parents to enroll their children in the grand experiment, or themselves for that matter, because Liberty does matter. The absence of Liberty brings Tyranny. Mandatory vaccinations violate religious freedom and individual rights. I am very concerned about the rights to life and liberty being abandoned. Those who wish a choice in the matter are real people, concerned for the safety of their children. It is not a lightly taken responsibility to do as you know is best for your child. Of course they don't want their children to be harmed by disease, but neither do they want them harmed by vaccination. And they see the greater risk from the vaccination. That is a valid choice and should not be discounted.

Thank you,

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